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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT

: Foreign National Employees of the [REDACTED]

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With reference to your question as to the staff situation of [REDACTED] in case of a major war, I believe the following observations are pertinent:

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1. There is no alternative to the employment of foreign nationals if our foreign radio monitoring program is to be maintained on an extensive basis with respect to Russian regional dialects and other exotic languages. [REDACTED] is presently monitoring in 53 languages and language personnel for many of these are not available in the United States. Furthermore, the salaries that would have to be paid to American citizens qualified in two or more foreign languages would be more than double the salaries paid to foreign national employees.

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2. Most of the foreign national personnel of [REDACTED] have been with the organization for a long period of time and would probably hope to be evacuated to alternate sites to continue their monitoring work. Many foreign national employees are, in fact, refugees from Soviet Orbit countries.

3. A hard core of highly qualified and efficient classified language personnel is engaged at the two [REDACTED]

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4. The [REDACTED] can be expected to experience the same difficulties in the event of a major conflagration.

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